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FIELD CROP REPORTING SERIES — NO. 3 STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1968

Total stocks of the five major Canadian grains included in this report in all North American positions at March 31, 1968 are estimated at 1,314.4 million bushels, compared with 1,374.0 million at the same date in 1967, the record of 1,512.2 million set in 1957 and the ten-year (1958-67) average of 1,204.2 million bushels. This year's March 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's total and the ten-year (1958-67) averages, respectively, in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 908.7 (848.3, 742.5); oats, 160.1 (235.9, 247.7); barley, 223.4 (255.8, 188.2); rye, 10.6 (14.7, 11.8); and flaxseed, 11.5 (19.3, 14.0). Data for these estimates were obtained from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual March 31 survey of grain held on farms, from mill returns, and from information supplied by the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada relative to grain in commercial positions at the close of business on April 3, 1968.

Wheat and Rye. — Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1968 are estimated at a record 908.7 million bushels compared with 848.3 million on the same date in 1967 and the previous record of 904.4 million in 1957. An estimated 449.4 million bushels representing 49 per cent of the total were held on farms. Of the 459.3 million bushels in off-farm positions, 264.1 million were in country elevators. Rye stocks at 10.6 million bushels were 28 per cent less than last year's 14.7 million and 10 per cent below the ten-year average of 11.8 million. Some 55 per cent of the rye stocks this year was located on farms.

Oats, Barley and Flaxseed. — March-end stocks of oats in all positions, estimated at 160.1 million bushels, were lower than last year's 235.9 million and below the ten-year average of 247.7 million bushels. Barley stocks at 223.4 million bushels were also below the 1967 level of 255.8 million. Average barley stocks at March 31 for the 1958-67 period were 188.2 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 11.5 million bushels were smaller than the 1967 level of 19.3 million bushels. Average flaxseed stocks at March 31 for the 1958-67 period were 14.0 million bushels. Farm-held stocks accounted for 87.75 and 33 per cent of total stocks of oats, barley and flaxseed, respectively.

Farm Stocks. — Total farm-held stocks (includes marketable grain and quantities held for feed, seed and reserves) of the five major grains at March 31, 1968 are estimated at 765.8 million bushels compared with 928.5 million in 1967 and the record 1,018.3 million bushels in 1957. Average farm stocks for the 1958-67 period were 750.6 million bushels. This year's March 31 farm stocks of grain in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the ten-year averages, respectively in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 449.4 (532.8, 393.3); oats, 138.9 (199.0, 212.4); barley, 168.0 (178.0, 130.9); rye, 5.8 (7.8, 7.0); and flaxseed, 3.8 (10.9, 7.0).

Note: Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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About 76 per cent of all farm-held stocks of oats and 95 per cent or more of farm stocks of each of the other four grains were located in the Prairie Provinces. Distribution of farm stocks at March 31, in millions of bushels, for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, are estimated as follows: wheat, 48.0, 304.0, 93.0; oats, 30.0, 36.0, 40.0; barley, 20.0, 56.0, 84.0; rye, 1.0, 3.0, 1.6; and flaxseed, 1.7, 1.2, 0.8.

STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1968

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and United States as of March 31, 1968 have been compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Statistics Division of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada. Stocks of grain on farms are estimated from reports of the Bureau's crop correspondents while those in mill bins are estimated from monthly returns made by mill operators to the Bureau. Stocks in all other positions are those reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners as visible stocks at the close of business on April 3, 1968. It should be noted that the statistics on total stocks as presented in this report differ from the weekly visible stocks figures at April 3 by the inclusion of stocks on farms and millable stocks in mill bins.

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax- seed
thousand bushels					
<u>In Canada</u>					
On farms	449,400	138,900	168,000	5,750	3,750
Country elevators	264,104	6,936	31,508	1,623	1,747
Interior private and mill elevators ..	5,899	380	89	49	13
Interior terminal elevators.....	13,132	10	2,465	—	—
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators ..	7,887	35	1,809	301	944
Victoria elevator	339	6	3	—	—
Prince Rupert elevator	457	—	1	—	—
Churchill elevator	4,581	—	—	—	—
Ft. William-Pt. Arthur elevators	70,883	8,127	11,637	1,277	3,343
In transit — Rail	17,421	1,509	1,798	464	261
Eastern elevators	54,800	3,912	4,223	787	1,244
Storage afloat	16,868	78	1,895	—	244
Eastern mills (mill bins only)(1)	2,626	207	—	—	—
Western mills (mill bins only)(1)	293	4	2	5	—
Totals in Canada(2)	908,690	160,104	223,430	10,256	11,546
In United States	—	—	—	367	—
Totals, Canadian grain in Canada and United States, March 31, 1968(2)	908,690	160,104	223,430	10,623	11,546
<u>Comparative stocks, March 31, 1967^r</u>					
In Canada	848,254	235,830	255,810	13,829	19,252
In United States	—	119	—	881	—
Totals in Canada and United States	848,254	235,949	255,810	14,710	19,252
1958-67 average	742,457	247,659	188,240	11,844	14,031

(1) Small quantities of grain going into ground feeds have been excluded.

(2) Subject to revision. ^r Revised figures.